

## UKCORR COMMITTEE

### Meeting Notes Monday 20 June 2020

**Present:** Nicola Dowson (Chair), Nicola Siminson, Annette Ramsden, Alison Sutton, Arthur Smith, Stephanie Meece, Suzanne Atkins, George MacGregor, Anisha Ahmed, Bev Jones, Nick Sheppard

Apologies: Yvonne Budden, Chris Manning, Jenny Basford

#### Non-text outputs in repositories

The Committee held a wide-ranging discussion on several issues related to the collection, dissemination and preservation of non-text outputs in institutional repositories. Some questions and points raised were:

- What can we do to make non-text outputs more accessible and visible, especially thinking beyond REF 2021?
- At a recent RDM event, someone from AHRC was talking about infrastructure for the arts, which was unexpected. Appears to be some momentum in this space.
- Instead of doing individual things, is there something that UKCORR as a group could do? There was a strong emphasis on not doing things individually.
- The only place that non-text outputs are available is repositories. It is not the version of record; it is the *only* version.
- Is there some documentation of practice that we can talk about? Perhaps this is not a big enough field to make new vocabularies? But how can we surface this additional material, so that it is not swamped by REF outputs?
- RIOXX had been developed to describe text outputs only. Should RIOXX be expanded? UKCORR could propose a vocabulary, but we do not have a strong reputation to promote it to the wider community. UKCORR is not equipped to support it. Everyone recognises that this is not an ideal situation. OpenAIRE are aware of some of the issues around this, and recognition to accommodate other types of outputs.
- Could UKCORR start a special interest group? A community of practitioners.
- KULTUR discussion list – could this be revived? Alternatively, create a new discussion list to enable discussion on these topics.
- Reach out to other organisations to form collaborations.

**ACTION:** Stephanie Meece to take forward development of a UKCORR special interest group to help establish the community's thoughts about non-text outputs in repositories.

#### Elsevier pre-proofs

There has been discussion on a number of mailing lists, including UKCORR's, about changes to the way that Elsevier labels 'accepted' manuscripts that are published online ahead of the version of record. Elsevier has recently started labelling these manuscripts as 'pre-proofs' rather than 'accepted manuscript' and makes a clear distinction between the two types. This change has affected the way some institutions approach their open access processes.

The Committee discussed whether UKCORR should take a group approach to this issue. The Committee's consensus was to engage directly with Jisc on the matter as the UK is about to enter in to negotiations for the next Jisc-Elsevier agreement.

ACTION: Nicola Dowson to draft a letter to Jisc (Anna Vernon) to raise the concerns in relation to consortium negotiations. Circulate to committee for approval.

### **IEEE "read & publish" agreement**

Many UK institutions are currently considering IEEE's "read & publish" offer. However, a number of concerns have been raised about the deal:

- It is not really "read & publish". Instead, IEEE had rebranded a prepayment offsetting deal.
- The offset is not particularly great, especially given the limitation on number of APCs.
- Yearly percentage increases are high, even for just the read portion of the deal.
- There is no commitment to be transformative.

However, UKCORR is not the best forum to discuss publisher agreement and renewals. The Committee considered whether the problems with IEEE's deal could be taken directly to cOAlition S or the SCONUL group of content directors. Jisc's absence from the negotiations has highlighted the vital role they play in coordinating the sectors response to publisher deals.

One thought was to prepare an open letter to IEEE signed by several institutions/groups that outlines the concerns and limitations of the current deal. This would need to be backed by a survey of institutions to gauge their thoughts on the current offer.

Suzanne, who also participates in the RLUK-OAPP (Open Access Publisher Processes group), indicated that similar discussions had taken place there, and that the group would be meeting again in early July. The Committee suggested that rather than UKCORR driving this activity we should instead reach out to RLUK-OAPP in the first instance to understand what else is happening in regards to the IEEE deal.

ACTION: Arthur to contact Ruth Harrison (Chair of RLUK-OAPP).

### **Next meeting**

The next UKCORR Committee meeting will be held in the week commencing 20 July 2020.